

Special Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board
Boardroom, Solarhus, 3 North Ness Business Park, Lerwick
Thursday 31 October 2013 at 10.00am

Present:

A Cooper G Robinson
G Smith C Smith
A Westlake

Apologies:

M Bell P Campbell
A Duncan

In Attendance (Officers):

P Wishart, Solicitor
M Sandison, Director of Infrastructure Services
L Gair, Committee Officer

Chairperson

Mr G Smith, Convener to the Board, presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Declarations of Interest

None

1. **Applications under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 for an Occasional Licence**

The Board considered a report by the Depute Clerk to the Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board, attached as Appendix 1.

The Director of Infrastructure Services advised the Board that it had previously granted a similar application. She advised that the application was not intended for the sale of alcohol to the public but for consumption on the premises.

The Chair advised that Insp. Graham was not present but he had confirmed that the Police had no objections in respect of the application.

In response to a comment the Director of Infrastructure Services explained that the Veterans are given a "nip" before the start of the parade, but no purchases can be made.

During discussion, the Licensing Board expressed their concern that the application had not been lodged in time to be heard at a scheduled meeting of the Board. They therefore agreed that, in future years, a special meeting of the Board will not be called and that the applicant is urged to submit their application several months in advance of this event. However, the Board also suggested the option of the Legion's Operating Plan being amended to accommodate this event removing the need for an Occasional Licence application.

Mr Robinson moved that the Board approve the grant of an occasional licence, but that it send a message out to the Legion that a special meeting will not be held again and that whether the Legion change their operating plan or not, there is a need to engage in sufficient time for the application to be heard. The operating plan should identify

Remembrance Day Parade and note that there will not be sale of alcohol but consumption only. Mr C Smith seconded.

Decision:

The Board RESOLVED to grant the Occasional Licence in respect of the Royal British Legion – Lerwick Branch for Remembrance Day Parade, and that they be strongly advised to either change their operating plan to identify the Remembrance Day Parade, for the consumption of alcohol only, or submit their application months in advance of the event.

The meeting concluded at 10.10am.

Convener